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SUBJ: FOUNDATION OF ECUADOREAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE IN GUAYAQUIL

1. THE NEW ECUADOREAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN
GUAYAQUIL IS OFF TO A SUCCESSFUL START AND SHOULD SERVE
AS AN IMPORTANT COMPLEMENT TO ITS SISTER CHAMBER ESTAB-
LISTED IN QUITO A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO.

2. BILLED AS THE "ORGANIZATIONAL DINNER," THE CHAMBER'S
FIRST FORMAL MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HOTEL CONTINENTAL
THE EVENING OF JULY 29. THE TURNOUT WAS IMPRESSIVE. WE
HAD HOPED TO ATTAIN AN ATTENDANCE OF 50 INITIAL FOUNDING
MEMBERS, BUT 75 TURNED OUT AND FILLED THE DINING HALL.
JOSE GARCIA (ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.), HEAD OF THE ORGA-
NIZING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED THE MEETING. THE PRESIDENT,
LEGAL ADVISOR, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE QUITO CHAM-
BER ALSO SAT AT THE HEAD TABLE PROVIDING THEIR SUPPORT
FOR THE NEW CHAMBER AND CONTRIBUTING REMARKS ABOUT THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE TWO CHAMBERS' ACTIVITIES AND THE WORK
OF THE QUITO CHAMBER DURING THE PAST YEAR. IN ADDITION
TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (IN-
CLUDING THE CONGEN COMMERCIAL OFFICER), THE HEAD TABLE
INCLUDED THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LUIS ALCIVAR ELI-
ZALDE AND NEW ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR WALTER SPURRIER B.
THE FORMER SPOKE OF THE IMMEDIATE ORGANIZATIONAL
TASKS OF THE CHAMBER AND THE LONG-TERM GOALS OF THE
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ORGANIZATION.

3. IT WAS MOVED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THAT THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE SHOULD FORM THE NUCLEUS OF THE FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COME UP WITH ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS TO OBTAIN 11 VOTING MEMBERS (THE CONGEN COMMERCIAL OFFICER WILL BE THE TWELFTH AND NON-VOTING MEMBER) AND ELECT A PRESIDENT.

4. THE MEETING RECEIVED GOOD PRESS AND TV COVERAGE. IT WAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP AND WE BELIEVE THE CHAMBER HAS ACHIEVED GOOD INITIAL MOMENTUM.
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